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FOR ASST. SEC. HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, FI, UR, US  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOF

1. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST IF YOU --  
OR DICK VINE IF YOUR OWN SCHEDULE PREVENTS -- COULD COME TO  
HELSINKI FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS IN EARLY APRIL FOR POLITICAL  
CONSULTATIONS WITH FINNISH MFA. ABOVE TIMING SUGGESTED IN  
VIEW OF PRES. KEKKONEN'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO USSR SCHEDULED  
FOR AS YET UNKNOWN DATE IN MAY. I BELIEVE SUCH CONSULTATIONS  
WOULD VERY MUCH BE APPRECIATED BY FINNS AS MEANS OF STRENGTH-  
ENING THEIR HAND AS KEKKONEN EMBARKS ON WHAT MAY BE MOST  
IMPORTANT VISIT OF HIS CAREER.

2. US-FINNISH POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AT LEVEL OF POLITICAL  
DIRECTORS WOULD BE VISIBLE SYMBOL OF US INTEREST IN FINLAND,  
BUT WOULD ALSO BE UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS  
ON WORLD TOPICS OF RECIPROCAL INTEREST WHICH DOES NOT  
OCCUR IN REGULAR DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. I BELIEVE FINNS  
WOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS FINNISH-SOVIET RELATIONS,  
FINNISH VIEW OF NORTHERN EUROPEAN SECURITY SITUATION,  
AND CHANGING FINNISH POSITION ON NIEO. FINNS WOULD BE  
VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR US POSITION ON SALT, MBFR, CIEC,  
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AND IN GENERAL TO LEARN OF THINKING OF NEW ADMINISTRATION  
IN AREAS NOT COVERED BY FORTHCOMING VISITS TO FINLAND BY  
ALLARD LOWENSTEIN (HUMAN RIGHTS) OR JOHN MARESCA (CSCE).

3. I WISH EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT MAJOR PRUPOSE OF VISIT  
IS TO HAVE HIGH STATE OFFICIAL COME TO FINLAND FOR WIDE-  
RANGING POLITICAL TALKS IN ADVANCE OF MOST IMPORTANT

KEKKONEN VISIT TO USSR, BOTH TO SHOW TO FINNS OUR OWN  
INTEREST IN KEEKONEN'S TRIP AND HOPEFULLY THEREBY STRENGTHEN  
FINNISH HAND.  
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